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THE UNITED ASBESTOS  
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Sole Agents for the  
UNITED ASBESTOS CO.  
LIMITED, LONDON.  
DODWELL & CO. LIMITED,  
General Managers.

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THIRTY DOLLARS  
PER ANNUM

## Banks.

### THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED 1880.  
CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED ..... Yen 24,000,000  
CAPITAL PAID-UP ..... " 18,000,000  
CAPITAL UNCALLED ..... " 6,000,000  
RESERVE FUND ..... " 8,710,000

Head Office: YOKOHAMA.  
Branches and Agencies:  
TOKYO, KOBÉ,  
NAGASAKI, LONDON,  
LYONS, NEW YORK,  
SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU,  
BOMBAY, SHANGHAI,  
TIENTSIN, NEWCHANG.  
PEKING.

LONDON BANKERS:  
THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LD.  
PARIS BANK, LD.  
THE UNION BANK OF LONDON, LD.  
HONGKONG BRANCH: INTEREST ALLOWED.  
On Current Accounts at the rate of 2 per cent.  
per Annum on the Daily Balance.  
On fixed deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent.

TARO HODSUMI,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, 27th March, 1902. [10]

### HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... \$10,000,000  
RESERVE FUND:—  
Sterling Reserve ..... \$10,000,000  
Silver Reserve ..... \$4,250,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS \$10,000,000

COUNT OF DIRECTORS:  
R. SHEWAN, Esq., Chairman.  
Hon. J. J. BELL-IRVING, Deputy Chairman.  
A. Haupt, Esq.  
E. Goetz, Esq.  
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CHIEF MANAGER:  
HONGKONG: SIR THOMAS JACKSON.  
SHANGHAI: H. M. BEVIS, Esq.  
LONDON BANKERS: LONDON AND COUNTY  
BANKING CORPORATION, LIMITED.  
HONGKONG: INTEREST ALLOWED.  
On Current Accounts at the rate of 2 per cent.  
per Annum on the daily balance.  
ON FIXED DEPOSITS:  
For 3 months, 2 1/2 per cent. per Annum.  
For 6 months, 3 1/2 per cent. per Annum.  
For 12 months, 4 1/2 per cent. per Annum.  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 15th February, 1902. [13]

### HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted  
by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be  
obtained on application.  
INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 1/2 PER  
CENT. per annum.  
Depositors may transfer at their option  
balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND  
SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED  
DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.  
For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 4th October, 1900. [14]

### THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital ..... £1,000,000  
Paid up Capital ..... " 374,374  
HEAD OFFICE: HONGKONG.  
Board of Directors:—  
Chan Kit Shan, Esq., C. E. Wens, Esq.,  
Chow Tung Shing, Esq., J. T. Laus, Esq.,  
Chief Manager,  
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.  
Interest for 12 months: Fixed ..... 5 %  
Hongkong, 20th December, 1899. [15]

### THE DEUTSCHE ASIATISCHE BANK.

PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... Sh. Tels 5,000,000  
HEAD OFFICE: SHANGHAI.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS: BERLIN.  
BRANCHES: Hankow,  
Tientsin, Tsingtau (Kiautschow).  
LONDON BANKERS:  
Messrs. N. M. ROTHSCHILD & SONS,  
UNION BANK OF LONDON, LTD.  
DEUTSCHE BANK (BERLIN), LONDON AGENT,  
DIRECTION DER DISCONTO GESELLSCHAFT.  
INTEREST allowed on Current Account.  
DEPOSITS received on terms which may be  
learned on application. Every description of  
Banking and Exchange business transacted.  
H. SCHOTTLANDER,  
Acting Manager.  
Hongkong, 21st December, 1901. [16]

## LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

SHIPCHANDLERS AND SAILMAKERS.

DECK and ENGINE STORES of every description, of the best quality and at most  
reasonable rates.  
Hubbuck's Paints and Oils, Hubbuck's Turpentine,  
Sir Chas. Price's Compound Engine Oil  
Grange's Cylinder Oil.  
"Glensfield" Boiler Fluid. "Zynkara" Boiler Fluid.  
American "Valve" Oil.  
Soapstone for Topplates, &c., &c. Boot topping in two shades.  
Baxters All long flax Canvas (the best in the market).  
Gorcock All long flax Canvas and Grass Bleached Canvas.  
Woodberry Canvas and Duck.  
Ship Upholstery a specialty attended to by experienced European Assistants. Any  
kind of work undertaken at the shortest notice.

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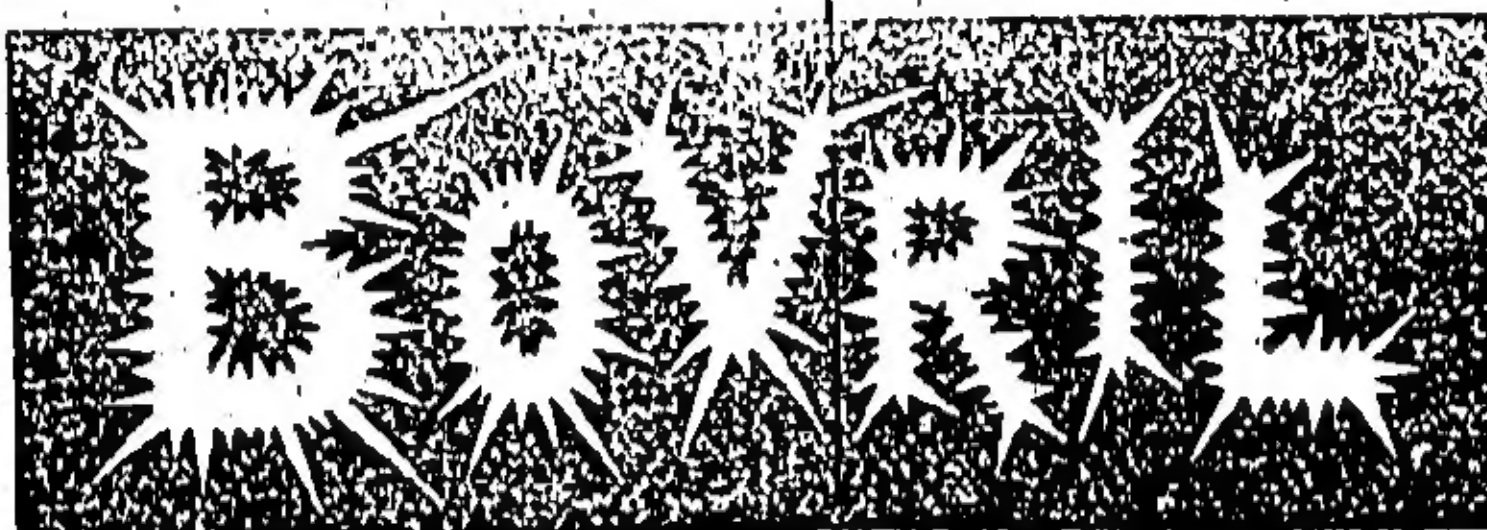
Hongkong, 3rd February, 1902. [17]

## Intimations.

### BOVRIL DEFIES DISEASE.

The fact that over 500 British hospitals and kindred public institutions use and prescribe  
Bovril is sufficient in itself to prove that it fortifies the system against disease. As rats infest  
a dirty, unhealthy tenement, so disease will install itself in a deranged system and take a hold.  
Bovril shakes the grip when disease is there by making clean, healthy blood; the attack  
weakens, the microbes die, and Bovril is triumphant. But do not use Bovril only to expel;  
rather prepare your system against the attack of disease by using it, to invigorate, and create  
clean and wholesome blood and organs. The result will please you.

BOVRIL is an enervating and sustaining beverage, which by its merits has become a  
household word from one end of the world to the other. Just as the electric light has sur-  
passed the rushlight of our grandmothers, so Bovril has surpassed the meat extracts and beef  
teas of a quarter of a century ago. It is the culmination of scientific achievement in the  
production of a strengthening, nourishing and vivifying food beverage. In health, Bovril is a  
shield against the effects of a muggy, humid climate; in weakness, a substitute for regular  
meals; and in sickness, the right hand of the doctor and nurse in their efforts to provide the  
patient with true nourishing food, readily taken, palatable, and digestible.



## UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL AGENCY, LIMITED.

SOLE AGENTS IN  
HONGKONG, CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS,  
FOR THE  
UNITED ASBESTOS CO. LD., LONDON,  
CONTRACTORS TO H.M. GOVERNMENT.  
MANUFACTURERS OF THE  
"VICTOR" METALLIC JOINTS.  
HYDRAULIC and SELF LUBRICATING PUMP PACKINGS, of all kinds.  
BEST QUALITIES OF ASBESTOS HOODS and PACKINGS.  
"VICTOR" METALLIC JOINTS.  
ASBESTOS SALAMANDER HOILER COVERING COMPOSITION of the best qualities.  
ESTIMATES given for every DESCRIPTION of WORK.  
CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT: THOMAS SKINNER.  
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DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Managers.

## JAPAN COALS.

## THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA (MITSUI & Co.)

HEAD OFFICE: 43, SAKAMOTOCHO, TOKYO.  
LONDON BRANCH: 34, LINE STREET, E.C.  
HONGKONG BRANCH: PRING'S BUILDINGS, ICE HOUSE STREET.

OTHER OFFICES:  
New York, San Francisco, Hamburg, Bombay, Singapore, Sourabaya, Manila, Amoy,  
Shanghai, Chefoo, Tientsin, Newchwang, Port Arthur, Seoul, Chemulpo, Yokohama,  
Yokosuka, Nagoya, Osaka, Kobe, Maizuru, Kure, Shimonoseki, Moji, Wakamatsu,  
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Telegraphic Address: "MITSUI" (A.B.C. and A 1 Codes).  
CONTRACTORS OF COAL to the Imperial Japanese Navy and Armies and the State  
Railways; Principal Railway Companies and Industrial Works; Home and Foreign Mail and  
Freight Steamers.  
SOLE PROPRIETORS of the Famous Miike, Tagawa, Yamano and Ida Coal Mines; and  
SOLE AGENTS for Hokoku, Hondo, Ichimura Kanada, Kishima, Mameda, Mannoura,  
Onoura, Otsuji, Sasahara, Tohmiyama, Tsubakuro, Yoshinotani, Yoshio, Yunokibara and other  
Coals.  
J. INUZUKA, Manager, Hongkong.  
563c

## H. PRICE & CO.,

12, Queen's Road,

TELEPHONE No. 135.

are SOLELY

## Wine, Spirit and Bottled Beer Merchants.

They only supply genuine liquors of unquestionable  
purity at popular prices.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1902. [19] 592c



## VERY FINE OLD LIQUEUR BRANDY.

GUARANTEED 1840.

This is a BRANDY for CONNOISSEURS and we  
Recommend it as the finest ever produced.

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & Co.,  
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS,  
15, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1902. [20]

## Mails.

### PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR STEAMERS CAPTAINS TO SAIL REMARKS  
SINGAPORE & BOMBAY ..... Nankin ..... C. J. Benton, R.N.R. About 2nd April ... Freight only.  
LONDON ..... Canton ..... C. F. Lockstone, R.N.R. Noon, 3rd April ... Freight or Passage.  
YOKOHAMA ..... Socotra ..... G. W. Babb, R.N.R. About 6th April ... Freight only.  
LONDON, &c. .... Malta ..... C. L. W. Feild ..... Noon, 12th April ... Freight or Passage.  
SHANGHAI ..... Coromandel ..... F. W. Vibert, R.N.R. About 12th April ... Freight or Passage.

(See Special Advertisement).  
† Via SHANGHAI, MOJI, and KOBÉ. † (Passing through the Inland Sea).  
‡ (Calling at PENANG and COLOMBO if sufficient inducement offers).

PASSENGER SEASON 1902  
FOR MARSEILLES, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.  
DIRECT WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT.  
S.S. "MALTA" ..... 6,664 Tons ..... 12th April.

For Further Particulars, apply to  
Hongkong, 29th March, 1902. E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent. [4]

## IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD. HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE.  
STEAM FOR  
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA,  
ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG.  
PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS;  
ALSO  
LONDON, NEW-YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON,  
AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS;  
Steamers will call at GIBRALTAR and SOUTHAMPTON to land Passengers  
and Luggage.  
N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the Principal Places in Russia.  
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.  
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

STEAMERS. SAILING DATES.  
\*BAYERN ..... WEDNESDAY, 2nd April.  
\*STUTTGART ..... WEDNESDAY, 16th April.  
\*KONIG ALBERT ..... WEDNESDAY, 30th April.  
\*PRINZESS IRENE ..... WEDNESDAY, 14th May.  
\*PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD ..... WEDNESDAY, 28th May.  
\*PREUSSEN ..... THURSDAY, 26th June.  
\*HAMBURG ..... THURSDAY, 10th July.  
\*SACHSEN ..... THURSDAY, 24th July.  
\*KIAUTSCHOU ..... THURSDAY, 7th August.  
\*BAYERN ..... THURSDAY, 21st August.  
\*KONIG ALBERT ..... THURSDAY, 4th September.  
\*PRINZESS IRENE ..... THURSDAY, 18th September.  
\*DANNEBERG ..... WEDNESDAY, 1st October.  
\*PREUSSEN ..... WEDNESDAY, 15th October.  
\*HAMBURG ..... WEDNESDAY, 29th October.  
\*KARLSRUHE ..... WEDNESDAY, 12th November.

\* Calling at AMSTERDAM. † Steamers of the Hamburg-America Line.  
ON WEDNESDAY, the 2nd day of April, 1902, at NOON, the Steamship  
"BAYERN" of the NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, Captain H. Blecker, with  
MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, Calling at  
NAPLES and GENOA.  
Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON, on MONDAY, the 31st instant, Cargo and  
Specie will be received on Board until 1 P.M., on TUESDAY, the 1st April, and Parcels  
will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON, on TUESDAY, the 1st April.  
Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50  
and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.  
The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardesses.  
Liner can be washed on board.

## NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

For further Particulars, apply to  
HONGKONG, 19th March, 1902. MELCHERS & CO., AGENTS. [6]

## Hotels.

## HONGKONG HOTEL.

Military Band during dinner on Saturday Nights.

Hongkong, 15th November, 1900. [16]

## HOTEL CRAIGIEBURN,

PLUNKET'S GAP, THE PEAK, NEAR THE TRAM TERMINUS, TEL. 56.

For Terms, &c., apply to the  
HONGKONG, 2nd July, 1900. MANAGER. [17]

## GO TO THE KOWLOON HOTEL, J. H. DOWNS, Manager. J. W. OSBORNE, Proprietor.

## COIR ROPES AND HAWSERS

of best quality, in all sizes, always in Stock at moderate prices.

Apply to  
DODWELL & Co., LIMITED.  
Hongkong, 5th March, 1902. [21]



## Intimations.

The Old  
Familiar Beverage  
**STONE GINGER  
BEER,**  
YCLEPT "POP."



\$1.75 per doz., less \$1.00 allowed  
Bottles returned.

**WATKINS  
LIMITED,**  
CHEMISTS, AERATED WATER  
MANUFACTURERS,  
APOTHECARIES HALL,  
No. 66, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.  
FACTORY:—Mason's Lane.  
**WAI KIN TAI YUEN FONG.**  
房樂大建威  
Branches also at  
Canton, Shanghai, Hankow and Peking.  
Hongkong, 14th February, 1902. [1743]

## SANITARY BOARD NOTICE.

IN view of the prevalence of CHOLERA in  
Canton, the public are hereby warned  
against the consumption of UNCLE  
OVER-RIPE FRUIT, UNCOOKED VEGETABLES  
and UNBOILED MILK or  
WATER.

By Order,  
G. A. WOODCOCK,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1902. [3202]

**WILLIAM MACLEOD, D.D.S.,  
DENTIST.**

Deaconsfield Arcade, Nos. 11 and 12,  
2nd Floor. [1772]

**GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY,  
LIMITED.**

## PORTLAND CEMENT.

\$3.50 per Cask of 375 lbs. Net ex Factory.  
\$3.50 per Bag of 250 lbs.  
SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 15th March, 1902. [1710]

To-day's  
Advertisements.

**THEATRE ROYAL,  
CITY HALL.**

**MR. HENRY DALLAS' MUSICAL  
AND DRAMATIC COMPANY.**

## TO-NIGHT!

(SATURDAY), 29th MARCH.  
The celebrated farcical comedy,  
"WHAT HAPPENED TO JONES,"  
To be followed by a GRAND VARIETY  
CONCERT by the full strength of the  
Company.

MONDAY, 31st MARCH.

Grand Production (for one night  
only),  
"THE SIGN OF THE CROSS."

PLAN: at THE ROBINSON PIANO CO.

PRICES AS USUAL.  
Hongkong, 29th March, 1902. [3082]

**ST. ANDREW'S HALL,  
CITY HALL.**

**MR. A. G. WARD'S  
SECOND  
SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT.**

(Under the distinguished Patronage of His  
Excellency Major-General  
Sir WILLIAM GASCOIGNE, K.C.M.G.,  
and Lady GASCOIGNE, &c.)

TUESDAY, 1st APRIL,  
AT 9 P.M.

The Programme will consist of Instrumental  
Pieces and the two popular Song-Cycles  
"IN A PERSIAN GARDEN"  
AND  
"THE DAISY CHAIN,"

Both by LIZA LEHMANN.

The following Ladies and Gentlemen have  
kindly promised to assist: Mesdames D. E.  
BROWN, GORDON, MURDOCH, and OUGH (Violin),  
Miss RAMSAY, Messrs. GRIMBLE, HAY, LAM-  
MERT and SCHMIDT.

Reserved Seats ..... \$3  
Unreserved ..... \$1.

SEATS may be BOOKED at THE ROBIN-  
SON PIANO CO.  
Hongkong, 29th March, 1902. [1832]

## IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, HIOGO AND  
YOKOHAMA.  
THE Imperial German Mail Steamship  
"KONIG ALBERT"  
of the Norddeutscher Lloyd.

Captain C. Polack, due here with the out-  
ward German Mail about the 1st April, will  
leave for the above Ports about 24 hours after  
arrival.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.  
For further Particulars, apply to  
MELCHERS & CO.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 28th March, 1902. [16]

To-day's  
Advertisements.

**CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT  
7 PER CENT SILVER LOAN  
OF 1885, E.**

## 31st HALF-YEARLY DRAWING.

INTEREST DUE AND DRAWN BONDS of  
this LOAN will be PAYABLE at the  
OFFICES of the CORPORATION on or after the  
1st APRIL, 1902.

LISTS of DRAWN BONDS can be obtained  
on application to the Undersigned.  
For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION,  
Agents issuing the Loan,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 29th March, 1902. [1842]

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the  
Military Authorities that GUN PRACTICE  
will be carried out from Stonecutters' Island on  
the 2nd proximo, at targets in a Westerly and  
South-westerly direction, also on the 2nd  
proximo, from Belcher Batteries at targets in a  
Westerly and North-westerly direction.  
Firing will commence about 9.30 A.M.  
By Command,  
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, 17th March, 1902. [1822]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND POOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAICHUNG,"

Captain Davis, will be despatched for the  
above Ports, on FRIDAY, the 4th April,  
at daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LAURIE & Co.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, 29th March, 1902. [1792]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

PAQUETTES-POSTE FRANCAIS,  
NOTICE.

STEAM FOR  
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,  
COLOMBO, PONDICHERRY, MADRAS,  
CALCUTTA, DIBOUTI, EGYPT,  
MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN  
AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON,  
HAVRE, BORDEAUX.

ALSO  
PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

ON MONDAY, the 7th April, 1902, at 1 P.M.,  
the Company's Steamship "ERNEST  
SIMONS," Captain ..... with mails,  
Passengers, Specie and Cargo, will leave this  
port for MARSEILLES, via Ports of Call,  
WITHOUT TRANSSHIPMENT.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London  
as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in  
transit through Marseilles for the principal  
places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till noon,  
Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M.,  
Specie and Parcels until 3 P.M., on the 6th  
April. (Parcels are not to be sent on board;  
they must be left at the Agency's Office.) Con-  
tents and Value of Packages are required.

For further Particulars, apply at the Com-  
pany's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.

Hongkong, 29th March, 1902. [1002]

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL  
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR  
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, ALEN,  
EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS,  
PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for BAVIA,  
CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship

"MALTA,"

Captain C. L. V. Field, carrying His Majesty's  
Mails, will be despatched from this port for  
MARSEILLES and LONDON (DIRECT),  
on SATURDAY, the 12th April, at noon,  
taking Passengers and Cargo for the above  
Ports.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4  
P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and  
Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note  
the terms and conditions of the Company's  
Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to  
E. A. HEWETT,  
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 28th March, 1902. [14]

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"BENGAL"

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND  
STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named  
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods  
are being landed and placed at their risk in the  
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown  
Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each  
consignment will be sorted out mark by mark  
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the  
Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo—  
From London, &c., ex S.S. Australia.  
From Australia, ex S.S. Aradite.  
From Persian Gulf, ex B. I. S. N. and B. & P.  
S. Co.'s Steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless  
instructions are given to the contrary before  
3 P.M. TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 4th April, at  
4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in  
any case whatever.

All damaged Packages must be left in the  
Godowns and a certificate of the damage ob-  
tained from the Godown Company within ten  
days after the Vessel's arrival here, after which  
no Claims will be recognised.

E. A. HEWETT,  
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 28th March, 1902. [14]

## Intimation.

**A. S. WATSON & Co.,  
LIMITED.**  
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

Wine and Spirit Merchants.

## SHERRY.

B. Superior Pale Dry, Din-  
ner Wine, Green Seal Capsule \$10.80 \$0.90

C. Manzanilla, Pale Natural  
Sherry, White Capsule ..... 12.00 1.00

C.C. Superior Old Dry, Pale  
Natural Sherry, Red Seal  
Capsule ..... 14.40 1.20

D. Very Superior Old Pale  
Dry, Choice Old Wine, White  
Seal Capsule ..... 16.20 1.35

E. Extra Superior Old Pale  
Dry, Very Finest Quality (old  
bottled), Black Seal Capsule ..... 24.00 2.00

B, C and CC are excellent Dinner Wines,  
D and E are After-Dinner Wines of a very  
fine vintage. All are Superior Nerves Wines.

The following Wines, bottled in Europe,  
have been specially selected, and procured  
from the celebrated firm of Messrs. G. G.  
G. SANDHEAN, SOUS & Co., of London,  
Oporto and Nerves—

Per doz. Per bot.

LIGHT DRY ..... \$15.00 \$1.25

OLEIRA ..... 21.00 1.5

VERY PALE DRY ..... 21.00 1.75

FULL GOLDEN ..... 24.00 2.00

PALA DRY BUTTY ..... 27.00 2.25

FINE OLD BROWN ..... 36.00 3.00

MADEIRA.

Per doz. Per bot.

GOO ..... 15.00 1.25

FIN ..... 24.00 2.00

A. S. WATSON & CO. LIMITED,  
The Hongkong Dispensary.

## MARRIAGE.

On the 27th February, at the Mairie of the  
17th Arrondissement, Paris, and afterwards at  
the Temple Protestant de l'Étoile, LOUIS  
ROCHER, Commissioner Imperial Maritime  
Customs, China, to JEANNE MARGUERITE,  
second daughter of Monsieur le Pasteur Gory,  
Blidah, Algérie.

## DEATH.

On Friday, the 28th instant, at 4 p.m., at his  
residence, No. 30, Peel Street, after a long  
illness, Jamesjee Jamsjee, Oonwalla, (J.  
JAMAJEE), aged 67, cotton and yarn broker,  
uncle of J. N. Katrak, broker, much regretted.  
—Indian and Shanghai papers please copy.

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 1902.

## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

## THE KING'S BIRTHDAY.

LONDON, March 26th.  
King Edward's birthday will be celebrated  
on the 30th May.

## AMERICA AND CUBA.

The withdrawal of the Americans from  
Cuba has been fixed for the 20th May.

## AUSTRALIA AND TEA IMPORTS.

The Australian Government has decided  
not to recommence the question of import duty  
on tea.

The Melbourne correspondent of the  
Times states that there is the strongest pos-  
sible protest from all the States against the  
abolition of the duty, but that the prospects  
of a reversal of the decision are slight.

## DEATH OF CECIL RHODES.

The Rt. Honourable Cecil John Rhodes,  
Director of The British South Africa Com-  
pany, is dead.

The following is a brief biography of his life:—Member  
for Durban, West in Legislative Assembly, Cape Colony  
member of Executive Council since 1884; B.A., 1881; fourth  
son of late Rev. Francis W. Rhodes, Vicar of Bishop Stort-  
ford. Entered Oriel Coll., Oxford, 1882, but health breaking  
down, returned to South Africa; went back to Oriel, 1886;  
oscillated between Oxford and Kimberley till he took his  
degree in 1888; was an hon. D.C.L. of Oxford and M.A.  
General Gordon helped to develop Mr. Rhodes; they were  
great friends; they met first in 1884, in Basutoland, when  
Mr. Rhodes, the newly-elected representative of Basutoland,  
was serving in the Compensation Commission. When  
Gordon went to Khartoum he asked Mr. Rhodes to come  
with him; he refused, accepting the Treasurer-Generalship  
in the Sudan Ministry, which he was offered by the same  
post. Originator of the Cape-to-Cairo scheme; considered  
his greatest achievement the keeping of Bechuanaland in  
his hands, to the exclusion of the Boers; Treasurer-General  
of Cape Colony, 1884; Deputy Commissioner of Bechuanaland,  
1884-85; Managing Director of British South Africa  
Co., whose charter was mainly granted by his efforts, 1885;  
Chairman of the Company; Director De Beers Mines;  
Premier of Cape Colony, 1890-96; Commissioner of Crown  
Lands, 1899-94; Minister of Native Affairs, 1894-96; served in  
Matabeleland 1896.—Ed., H.K. 73

## THE NEW RUSSIAN LOAN.

The issue price of the new Russian Loan  
of 194 millions sterling, arranged in Ger-  
many, is 97½.

## COTTAM &amp; CO., NEW HATS.

COTTAM & CO., NEW SCARVES AND  
TIES.

COTTAM & CO., the RAGLAN OVER-  
COAT.

## SOUTH AFRICA.

## IMPORTANT CAPTURES.

The British columns under General  
Walter Kitchener, Colonel Kekewich and  
others, have begun a driving movement  
against Commandant Delarey. So far the  
British have captured five guns, 120 pris-  
oners, and a quantity of cattle and carts.  
The troops covered eighty miles in 24 hours.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH will not  
be published on Easter Monday.

INWARD PARCELS by s.s. Bengal are  
now ready for delivery.

HIS HONOUR A. G. WISE has been  
appointed Acting Attorney General of Hong-  
kong.

THE KING has been pleased to approve of  
the appointment of the Hon. W. M. Goodman,  
K.C., as Chief Justice of Hongkong.

THE RUGBY MATCH on Thursday after-  
noon between the Hongkong Football Club  
and H.M.S. Glory and Terrible ended in a  
decisive victory for the Club by 21 points to nil.

FOUR CRIMINALS fixed to be hanged at  
the Kowloon Jail on Monday could not be  
"strung up," says the Singapore Free Press,  
owing to the necessary warrant not having  
arrived.

AN ADDITIONAL RATE of two per cent  
per annum, to take effect from the 1st April  
next has been levied on the villagers of Chai  
Wan in consequence of the destruction of trees  
in that place and its neighbourhood.

GUN PRACTICE will be carried out from  
Stonecutters' Island, on the 2nd proximo, at targets  
in a Westerly and South-westerly direction,  
and from Belcher Batteries at targets in a  
Westerly and North-westerly direction. Firing  
will commence at 9.30 a.m.

UNSAVOURY SIMILES.—The Singapore  
Free Press like Prince Hal has the most un-  
savoury similes, says one of its contemporaries.  
It talks with "fine scorn about its local name-  
sake," "slopping over in a couple of columns"  
in the expression of its surprise at the non-  
inclusion of Siam in the Anglo-Japanese  
Agreement.

A VERY ENJOYABLE EVENING was  
spent at the Royal Engineers Non-Commis-  
sioned Officers Mess on Thursday evening, the  
27th inst., when a smoking concert was given  
on the occasion of the departure for England  
of Sergeant Majors Marsh and Crombie,  
Quartermaster Sergeants Ward, Wallace,  
Miller and Smith, Staff Sergeants Sivier and  
King, and Sergeant Conway.

BY KIND PERMISSION of Lieut.-Col.  
Baillie and Officers, the Band of the 22nd Bom-  
bay Infantry will play at the Hongkong Hotel  
this evening, from 8 to 9.30 p.m.—

## PROGRAMME.

1. Selection..... "Tolmie"..... Sullivan.  
2. Hum Dance..... "Mecanities"..... Godfrey.  
3. Polka..... "The Breeze"..... Wheeler.  
4. Valse..... "Les Siereux"..... Walden.  
5. Song..... "Siam and Italy"..... Bismantel.  
6. Selection..... "Les Cloches de Honville"..... Pharesque.  
"God save the King."

THE SECOND SUBSCRIPTION CON-  
CERT by Mr. A. G. Ward takes place in the  
St. Andrew's Hall on Tuesday evening next,  
and will certainly be hailed with delight by all  
those who took the opportunity of attending  
the first concert. Mesdames D. E. Brown,  
Gordon, Mudie and Ough (violin), Miss Ram-  
say, Messrs. Grimble, Hay, Lammert, and  
Schmidt have promised to assist in the pro-  
gramme which will consist of instrumental  
pieces and the two popular song-cycles "In a  
Persian Garden," and "The Daisy Chain."  
Seats may be booked at the Robinson Piano  
Company.

## HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

Messrs. Benjamin, Kelly and Potts, in their  
weekly share report state:—

HONGKONG, Thursday, March 27th.

To-morrow being Good Friday, we are issuing  
our circular one day in advance. An im-  
provement in the price of China and Manilla  
is the only feature that marks the week's record,  
and the amount of business put through during  
the period under notice has been very small  
and limited.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks  
continue dull, and shares are in the market at  
\$590. The London quotation has dropped to  
£63. Nationals are in request at \$26.

Marine Insurances.—Unions have changed  
hands at \$385. Canton are in demand, and  
can be placed at \$160. China Traders are  
offering at \$53.

Fire Insurances.—Both stocks are quiet.  
Hongkong Fires can be had at \$350, and  
China Fires are still on offer at \$83.

Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao  
Steamboats have been fixed at \$37 and \$38.  
Indo-Chinas have found buyers at \$139 and  
\$138. Douglas Steamships are steady at \$41.  
China and Manilla have recovered, and sales  
at \$35 and \$37½ have taken place. Star Ferries  
are obtainable at \$24 for the old, and at \$24½ for  
the new issue.

Refineries.—China Sugars are procurable at  
\$118, ex the dividend of \$9 just due. Luzons  
have sellers at \$29.

Mining.—Punjoms remain steady at \$44.  
Rauhs have been placed at \$9.

Docks, Wharfs and Godowns.—Hongkong  
and Whampoa Docks have changed hands at  
\$260 and \$27½ closing steady at the latter  
figure. Kowloon Wharfs have been done at  
\$90.

Lands, Hotels and Building.—Hongkong  
Lands have been negotiated at \$172½ and \$175,  
and again at \$172½. West Points and Kowloon  
Lands are offering at \$38 and \$30 respectively.  
Hongkong Hotels have declined to \$40 with  
sales and small buyers at the rate. Humphreys'  
Estate have been disposed of at \$12½, and  
China Providents are wanted at \$21.

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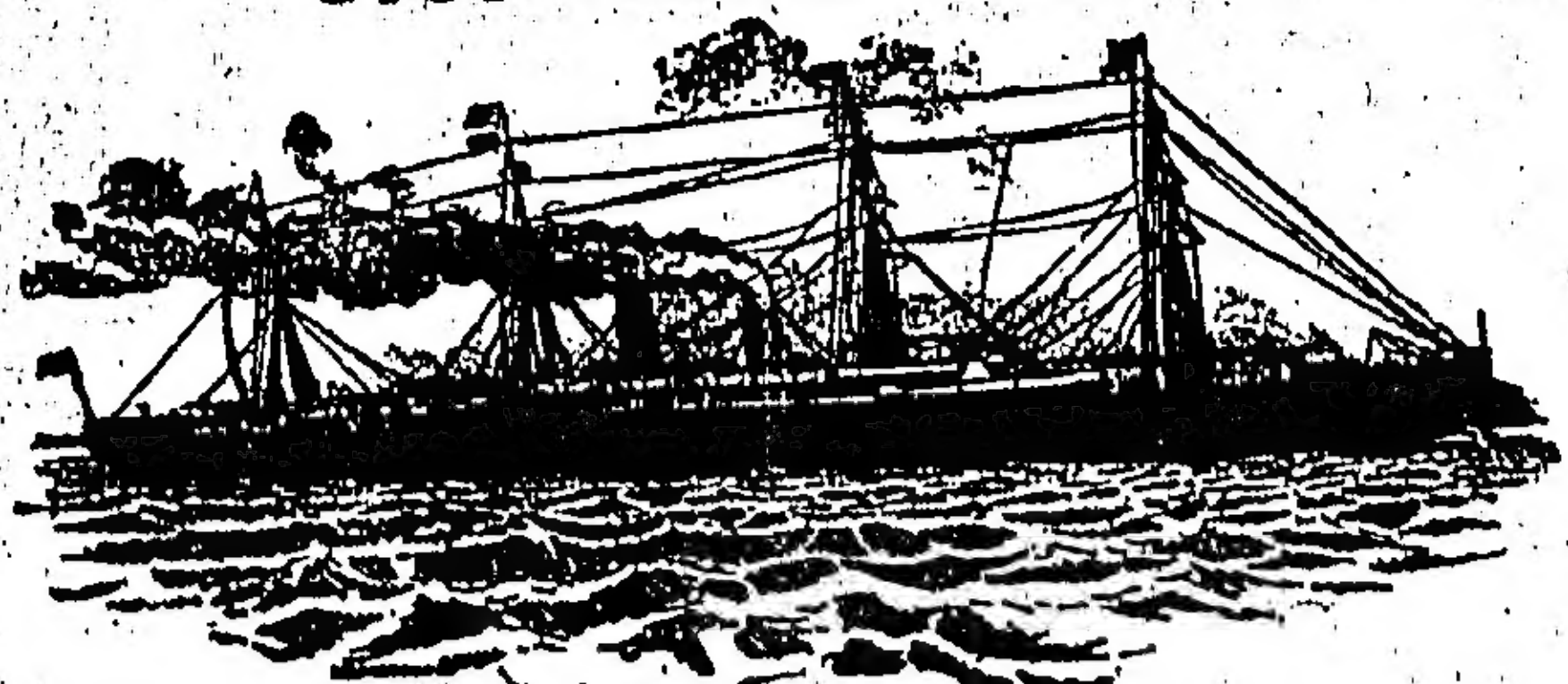






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"YEBU"	FRIDAY, 11th April, at Noon.
"COPTIO"	SATURDAY, 19th April, at Noon.
"AMERICA MARU"	TUESDAY, 29th April, at Noon.
"CITY OF PEKING"	TUESDAY, 6th May, at Noon.
"GAELIC"	THURSDAY, 15th May, at Noon.

THE T. K. K. Company's Steamship "NIPPON MARU," will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on THURSDAY, the 3rd April, at Noon, taking Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe. Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

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Passengers holding Orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

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TO UNITED STATES AND CANADIAN PORTS, Special rates (first class only) are granted and will apply only to Missionaries, Members of the Naval and Military Services, and to Consular and Diplomatic Officials of the Governments of China and Japan.

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Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

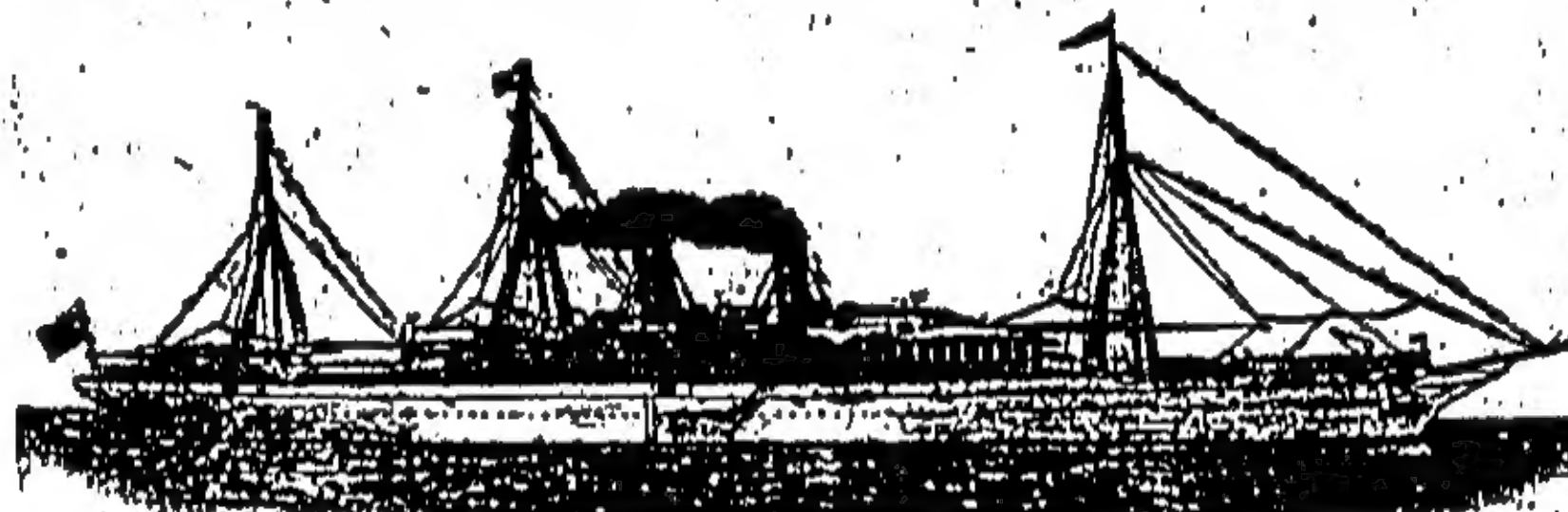
Consular Invoices in accordance with shipment of Cargo or parcel (valued at \$100. Gold or silver) destined to Japan, beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Consular Office addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

Merchant's Invoice will be sufficient for cargo or parcel (such shipment) when the value is less than \$100. U.S. Gold.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Companies, Queen's Building.

J. S. VAN BUREN,  
Agent.

Hongkong, 29th March, 1902.

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R.M.S. TARTAR...Comdr. E. Beetham, R.N.R.	WEDNESDAY, 16th April.
EMPEROR OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R.	WEDNESDAY, 23rd April.
EMPEROR OF JAPAN...Comdr. H. Pybus, R.N.R.	WEDNESDAY, 14th May.
R.M.S. ATHENIAN...Comdr. H. Mowatt	WEDNESDAY, 21st May.

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For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to D. E. BROWN, General Agent, Pedder's Street.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.  
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS	DESTINATIONS	SAILING DATES
HAMBURG	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	9th April.
Adriatic	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).	Freight.
Adriatic	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	23rd April.
Knuth	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).	Freight.
SEGOVIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	7th May.
Frederic	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO).	Freight.
SAXONIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	21st May.
Jaeger	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG).	Freight.
ARAGONIA	NEW YORK.	8th April.
Fort	via SUEZ CANAL.	Freight.

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HONGKONG OFFICE.

No. 1, Queen's Buildings.

Hongkong, 29th March, 1902.

## OUR LONDON LETTER.

(From our own Correspondent.)

LONDON, February 21st.

One aspect of the

## ANGLO-JAPANESE ALLIANCE

that will probably not have occurred to many Britons; resident in the Far-East, has been this week brought forward in the Public Press by a person who remains nameless. This writer suggests that an Alliance between Christian England and any "pagan" land is subversive of national morality opposed to national tradition, and in all particulars a retrograde step. It should be premised that the argument bore evidence of sincerity, it was not merely the verbosity of cant or of pose—and this fact has been very generally recognized by those who have discussed the matter publicly, privately and through the medium of the newspapers.

For the most part astonishment is felt and expressed at the unexpected view of the obligations of Christianity which should compel us to ignore a nation which is distinctly searching after truth, whether from the most exalted motives, or not. Careful observation shows this attitude to be more common than might have been thought possible. A secular paper obviously is not the place to discuss the ethics of Christianity, or it might be suggested that if it is opposed thereto, for political England to ally herself with Japan for mutual benefit, and the indirect good of mankind, surely it is none the less so for commercial England to trade in a friendly manner with the

ISLAND EMPIRE OF THE EAST, which is merely a question of financial gain into which the general benefit does not enter. Most people will, I think, regret the attitude of aloofness from those with whom we differ on spiritual subjects so warmly recommended by some Christians—but so far as the position is a genuine one, it must command respect. It rests with the leaders of religious thought to put what seem to be more generous ideas before their followers. But when those who condemn this alliance on moral grounds allow themselves to speak with contempt and "righteous" indignation against the character of the Japanese, to stigmatize them as "pagans, barbarians," "without sense of honour," "uncivilized idolaters"—to select a few of the epithets bestowed—then no matter what may be the grounds of attack, it is time for those who know the East to speak out. To a certain extent this has been done, and two or three persons who have spent a part of their lives in Japan have written in strong terms to the papers. It is unfortunate that the

CHIEF CHAMPION OF LIBERALITY should be the Rev. R. C. Fillingham whose name is chiefly familiar as the clergyman who considered it right to brawl in another man's church during Divine Service, because the ritual appeared to him excessive. He certainly goes further than many will be ready to follow when he states that, residence in the land of the chrysanthemum has convinced him that "in most things that make up true Christianity—gentleness, kindness, filial duty—the Japanese are far superior to ourselves." It is instructive to read this contribution beside the letter of another ecclesiastic, from whom I will in conclusion quote a few sentences—

"For an Englishman it is sufficient that his honour is pledged,—but a Jap (note the courtesy) would laugh at such times, and regard a man as little removed from a fool, and a nation imbecile that would keep its word when there was something to be gained by breaking it. . . . The Treaty Alliance is like a bill backed by a rich man and a poor man. It looks well, but the rich man has to pay, when bill becomes due. . . . JAPAN IS AMBITIOUS

and she wishes to exploit her ambition, but why it should be at our expense, I leave others to answer?" a decision which if not heroic, is distinctly prudent.

Leaving this religious and quasi-religious part of the matter aside, there has now been time for all kinds of comment, and every description of rumour respecting the alliance to obtain free circulation. The most amusing is that which finds favour abroad, and which figures the Marquis of Ripon running from Court to Court during his European tour, offering the friendship of Japan to all and sundry, and at length falling back upon Great Britain—*fauts de milieu*. Baron Tayaishi has publicly remarked, even were assurance necessary, which it is not—that the negotiations have been in progress "over a year."

Another view is that Japan has "all the best of the deal," a sentiment which seems specially to flourish among little Englishers and Protestants who thus temper their regret over any successful British Diplomatic effort with the hope that it may turn out that Lord Salisbury's perfidious Government has been over-reached. Foreign critics are of the contrary mind, they opine that poor little Japan will find herself very completely "beaten" by the unscrupulous bully, whom they all abuse, yet all fear to touch. "And this combination, the bulk of the two nations go calmly and unconcernedly upon their way, satisfied with themselves and each other, than which no attitude can more dignified."

THE BUDGET GAMBLE is now in full swing on the Stock Exchange—a grim shadow of that bad time in store for all of us!

Sugar and timber are regarded as certainties for further taxation, and much speculation abounds in both those articles. But the impression which if included in the Budget, will cause the chief excitement, is undoubtedly a duty on imported corn. Movements in the city indicate a growing belief that a wheat tax will figure in Sir M. Hicks-Beach's programme, and ardent Free Traders are already arranging for a vehement "cheap loaf" campaign. Undoubtedly a tax on so important an article of consumption would be resented by the very

poor, and still more by the those demagogues who affect to represent them. Really however, and tradition apart, there is much in favour of taxing corn—the Colonial article will be exempted—not so much on account of the revenue it would produce, but as a first step toward that Imperial commercial unity for which Great Britain has been agitating so long, and towards which the face of the motherland is more and more becoming set.

Moreover THE POOR MAN'S LOAF is not really in danger, for the Colonies can provide sufficient free wheat to prevent any necessary rise in the price of bread, as soon as the market adjusts itself to the new arrangement. A temporary rise may however occur, before the Colonial producer is thoroughly able to gauge the demand of the home consumer. Protectionists are more in favour of a tax on imported foreign flour, than on the raw material, and economically speaking they are probably right.

More satisfactory still is the proposal to tax Argentine meat as much for the encouragement of the Colonies apparently as from the revenue point of view. But most popular and most just of all is a suggestion—not as yet as official—that foreign incomes made in England should be taxed at the rate of 2s. in the pound. Foreign firms doing business in this country, through agents, are computed to be annually making £40,000,000 upon which they pay no income tax, and yet keep down English wages, and compete against our already weighted manufacturers. Two shillings in the pound would raise a sum of about £4,000,000 and would be levied upon those visitors better able to afford it than their host John Bull.

TWO DEATHS have been recorded, this week, of men, who, each in his own vocation, have left a mark on the period. Dr. Newman Hall, the celebrated preacher is a great loss to British Nonconformity, of which he has been perhaps the most distinguished ornament of this generation. As a preacher he was remarkably witty, and blunt to a fault; but a more earnest Christian, and a larger-hearted man it would be difficult to name. Dr. Hall was also a devotional author of no mean ability.

In Sir William Leng, provincial journalism loses a distinguished editor, and the Conservative party a tower of strength. Sir William represented one division of Sheffield in the House of Commons for a few years, but for the most part he worked for the Unionist cause in the field of organization, and from his editorial chair. In Yorkshire neither his literary, nor his political merits are the points upon which Sir William's reputation depends—in that county it is for the prominent part he took in fighting trades-unionism, and in obtaining an inquiry into the Sheffield outrages in connection therewith, that he is always remembered. So wide a gap divides London from the provinces that I have heard no comment in London on this part of Sir William Leng's career, during the few days that his serious illness has kept him before the public eye.

The attempt to revive

THE OLD POLITICAL SALON of a century or less ago, has been of recent years, made by more than one ambitious hostess. Those who were present at Lady Londonderry's effort in that direction on Wednesday evening last, express themselves as satisfied that the Marchioness has proved successful. Time alone will show if the *Salon* is indeed re-established, as a factor in the political world. If so the Ministerialists are to be greatly congratulated on obtaining a substantial lead for the party in this direct. While there are two or three other Conservative ladies who might compete with Lady Londonderry in the department where she at present stands alone, it is difficult to see what feminine leader on the Opposition side could by similar action advance the fainting cause of Liberalism. Lady O'Leary, daughter of Lord Rosebery, is the best hostess of the younger generation, and she has a tradition behind her, but it will be years before assured maturity will enable her to cope with a position too difficult for an inexperienced girl. Moreover Lady Peggy Primrose, the elder daughter of the phantom leader, is, of the two, the more likely to be successful, should she marry an ardent politician. Although still quite young, she has had the unique opportunity of acting as hostess in her father's house from the moment she left the schoolroom at the age of seventeen.

Practically

THE ENTIRE UNIONIST PARTY found itself at Londonderry House on Wednesday evening, with the exception of the Premier who is confined to his house indisposed. The leading Liberals were also present—the total guests numbering about 1,400. The dresses and jewels were superb, and the beautiful house was exquisitely decorated with exotics and foliage. The picture gallery—one of the best in any private establishment—formed the chief promenade.

Gouldie, at his trial, pleaded guilty, and turned king's evidence against Burgo the boxer, concerned as a principal in the charges of fraud and conspiracy in connection with the Liverpool bank frauds, who was found guilty, but sentence was deferred. The whole story more especially as related by Gouldie, points to the exceedingly ease with which a bank clerk in receipt of £150 a year can make away with what passes through his hands, without any discovery taking place. In one week, for example, Gouldie who appears to have been an extremely unsuspicious and confident gambler paid £20,000 in forged cheques without his superior discovering anything amiss. The frauds had been going on for three years, before the final denouement. The case has attracted much notice chiefly on account of the size of the sums concerned. It is not every man who

contentedly forges cheques for thousands of pounds month after month.

The *Fortnightly* is particularly good this month. An article which has aroused great comment is that signed *Pallas*, and concerned with Count von Bülow. If anything were wanted to prove the exceeding bitterness which has sprung upon this country against Germany, the general appreciation, which this article has received, would go far to satisfy the demand. It is difficult to conceive with what object the German Chancellor should have systematically endeavoured to wound English susceptibilities on every occasion which has offered since his accession to office, but the effect has been to arouse the slow-moving and placid British people to an anger so deep that its articulate form is by no means the most formidable. Germanophobia bids fair to take root permanently—whether it do so or not, depends primarily on Count von Bülow.

February 27th.

LORD ROSEBERY. The country has had several little excitements this week to break the monotony of existence, and afford topics of endless conversation, not that these matters are novel in themselves—far from it—but they have taken fresh form, which itself indicates progress of a kind.

Lord Rosebery having halted long on the brink spade in one hand, clean slate in the other has plunged at last, and broken more or less definitely with the Bannermen, as for convenience, it is becoming usual to refer colloquially to "C.B.'s" following. On Wednesday, he inaugurated the Liberal League—a body which is to rival or succeed the National Liberal Federation—as the official organization of the Opposition. Lord Rosebery is himself President, Sir Edward Grey, Mr. Asquith and Sir Henry Fowler being the Vice-Presidents. This action makes for cohesion among the Liberal Imperialists, but is said by those who ought to know to have a primarily different object. There has been of late a resuscitation of the opinion that sooner or later Lord Rosebery will be requested by the king to form a coalition ministry to include several of the leading spirits of the present Cabinet, while also giving office to the leaders of the Imperialist section of the Opposition. Lord Rosebery undoubtedly had this rumour in his mind when he at Liverpool last week denounced the Unionists as men divorced from Liberalism—Tories in all but name. But even this pronouncement, was not sufficient to clear the air entirely, hence the establishment of a new party having no connection with the government.

ACROSS THE GANOWAY,

and yet free from the mantle of disloyalty and lack of patriotism which has fallen on the old opposition. Nevertheless it is expressly stated no desire or intention exists of widening the breach between Bannermen and Leaguers, and the dear familiar "open door" of Eastern politics will be firmly propped back that if reunion appear at any moment possible, it may forthwith become an accomplished fact. All of which is mere amiable rubbish—the establishment of the League marks a point of definite departure from the general scheme of slander and support of the enemy, which has been the policy of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's party for some time past. The League is to issue a manifesto within the next week, and not till it has made its appearance will doubtful Liberals determine to whom their allegiance is henceforth due. Very few thoughtful men entertain any practical hope of complete working reconciliation between the National Federation on the one hand and the League on the other. Ten days hence, Lord Rosebery will speak at Glasgow "from an untrammelled platform," and may then be expected to give definite form to the League's proposed policy. At the present moment the Bannermen are making capital out of the negative note sounded by Lord Rosebery's new organization—and indeed it would have been perhaps more reasonable had the League's plan of campaign found publication concurrently with the announcement of its creation.

The personality around which

RUMOUR AND INQUIRY now centres is Mr. Asquith. He has joined Lord Rosebery up to a point without doubt, but whether on general issues, he will, in the event of sharp strife between the two wings of the Liberal party be found to have broken entirely with his old associates, is quite another matter. Mr. Asquith has from the first hung back far more markedly than Sir Edward Grey or Sir Henry Fowler, from any open acknowledgment of his differences with Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman. Whether this is due to the caution of the lawyer, the foresight of the politician or the genuine halting between two diversities of lines of action is uncertain even among his best friends. Mr. Asquith has not advanced his position by this circumstance. Two years ago the public regarded him as the coming man of the Opposition, the leader of the near future; whereas, now, though the pre-eminence of the ability is still acknowledged in parliamentary, legal, and social circles, his personality entirely falls of appeal to the great bulk of the people—the voters in whose hands the making of leaders, after all chiefly depends.

The defeat of the government on Tuesday night, which was entirely due to the

TACTICAL BLUNDERS of those responsible for the ministerial conduct of the debate, caused no little excitement, albeit of an exceeding transitory nature. The question before the House was a motion empowering the Board of Trade to ask for returns from railway companies of men who worked excessive hours.

Mr. Gerald Balfour was put up at a late hour to reply, in a spirit adverse to the proposal, on the part of the Government. Though ending with his last words "something in the nature of a

compromise, it cannot but be admitted that the speech, as a whole, was lacking in tact, and devoid of conciliation. Needless irritation was also induced by that indifference to the convenience of the House, manifested by the postponement of the official speech till just before the sitting would automatically close. Mr. Balfour finished his remarks one minute before midnight, and Captain Norton, knowing that once the hour struck, the whole subject must lapse, had no time to consider the minister's offer, but forthwith moved that the question be put. No one dissenting, a division was unnecessary, and the main question was accordingly substituted. This found the Government unprepared. Many of their followers were gone home confident that no division would be taken, and the Whips having no time to beat up recruits, the motion was carried by a majority of 7. Mr. Chamberlain is reported to have animated severely both on the blunders of the Front Bench and the slackness of the rank and file. The incident occurred when Sir Michael Hicks-Beach was leading the House in the absence of Mr. Arthur Balfour. Some comment was passed at the time on the selection of the Chancellor of the Exchequer to represent the invalided Chief.

Of the REMOUNT SCANDAL, I have already written so fully that I fear to weary you with more details, yet it must be admitted that the further particulars furnished this week, and the action of the Government respecting the whole matter, makes of this subject again a prominent topic of the day.

It has transpired, that quite early in the war, Australia made strenuous efforts to serve the Empire in horseflesh as well as in other ways. New South Wales, Queensland, W. Australia placed their magnificent breeding stations (private owned) at the disposal of the Government. But a contract was of course required. No breeder could afford to break, train, and prepare thousands of young horses, and bring them up to a port, on the mere chance of some being accepted. A certain standard to be fixed by the home authorities was conditioned, and the contractors agreed that the War Office expert should be sole judge of whether the animals came up to the required standard, provided that nothing elsewhere should hinder the acceptance of the numbers ordered. Of their ability to produce the right article, and as many of it as could be demanded, the breeders were certain, and the prices they asked, while yielding a fair profit, averaged half what was actually being paid by the Remount Department in Argentine and Hungary. A curt refusal was the sole reply. Thus was the taxpayer milked to provide enormous profits for foreign vendors while the opportunity for lessening this tremendous financial drain on the nation, coupled with the chance of materially benefiting our own colonies, was calmly ignored.

It is small wonder that the feeling in England over the whole

CONTRACT SYSTEM OF THE WAR is most bitter.

The Government after much talk and temporizing has at length refused an inquiry into these scandals, or more exactly, postponed the inquiry indefinitely. If with this postponement Ministers had pledged themselves to a full, public, and searching inquiry into every branch of military supply, in any way connected with these disgraceful scandals, an inquiry wherein sworn evidence alone should be admitted, and every witness having the smallest knowledge unreservedly brought forward; and if, finally, every official, military or civil, whose conduct of efficiency was called into question by the report of this commission, should be tried, and on conviction suitably punished, then the nation at large, would have consented to wait with patience the end of the war, and fulfilment of the promise. But the Government does so, such thing. Ministers assert that to institute inquiries now, would be at the expense of the efficiency of the army in the field—while as to the future they do undertake that "everything" shall be looked into, trusting the while that in the peace rejoicings all "regrettable incidents" will be forgotten. The criminal folly, the inconceivable lack of patriotic spirit, indicated by this famous policy, is exasperating. The Government's best friends to a pitch of indignation, that, once the war is over, and our position in South Africa assured, can have but one ending—dismissal from the stewardship of which ministers risk so little.

WASHINGTON A BREV.

At Bureau this week, the King enhanced his wonderful popularity by "making a brew" of the Englishman's favourite liquid, at Messrs. Bass' great malt factories. This ale is to be caulked for twenty years, and will be specially strong, and of course only brought out on very special occasions.

News reached London last night that His Majesty had received a communication from the Kaiser suggesting that Prince Henry, on the conclusion of his visit to America, should proceed for a day or two to Canada, a proposal which the King, in the name of Canada, most heartily accepted. A good deal of satisfaction is said to be felt in official circles, where it is hoped that the Emperor's tactful action may in some measure soften the acerbity prevailing between the British and German peoples. The most earnest for the most part a courteously worded congratulation—but I do not hesitate to say that there is no great enthusiasm among the general public for any fraternal embraces of the representatives of a nation which presently indulges in slanders which it knows to be lies. Prince Henry, it is very carefully and emphatically pointed out, will in his arrangements permit him to go to Canada, be there welcomed as the Kaiser's friend and son, and the Kaiser's brother and friend, but not as the Kaiser's representative, and that no other assistance will be given to his visit.

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